

Congressman Steve King made the following statement in opposition to the Democrats' massive, big-spending budget plan. The House will vote on the plan Thursday evening.

"We need a leaner federal government that taxes less, spends less and allows average, hard-working and smart-working Americans the opportunity to get ahead and prosper. The Democrat budget proposal does the exact opposite: it spends too much, taxes too much and borrows too much.

"The Democrat budget increases government spending to a level not seen since World War II, and over five years, this budget will increase the federal debt to \$17.1 trillion. Democrats' spending plans would double the federal debt in five years and triple it in ten.

"This spend-a-thon is just the latest in what has become an ongoing fiscal train wreck in Washington. Bigger government, more wasteful Washington spending, new bailouts and tax increases punish our economy's engine.

"In the real world, businesses and families eliminate unnecessary spending when they spend beyond their means. Both continually revisit their spending to ensure their expenses are responsible and necessary. On Capitol Hill, this remains a foreign concept, and our grandchildren may never climb the mountain of debt America is accumulating"

Background:

- Congressman King opposed last year's \$700 billion bailout for Wall Street, and in 2009, he opposed a \$1.1 trillion "stimulus" plan and a \$410 billion "omnibus" spending bill.